



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Housing and Redevelopment, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Human Services Contract Assignments For Homeless Shelter Meal And Domestic Violence Intervention Programs

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the assignment of Community Kitchen Human Services Contract No. 22,729 in the remaining amount of \$26,000 for the period of January 1 – June 30, 2009, to Casa Esperanza for operation of the Homeless Shelter Meal Program; and
- B. Authorize the assignment of Domestic Violence Solutions Human Services Contract No. 22,733 in the remaining amount of \$4,750 for the period of January 1 - June 30, 2009, to Zona Seca for operation of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

DISCUSSION:

Community Kitchen

As of February 1, 2009, Casa Esperanza merged with Community Kitchen to assume responsibility for operations of the Community Kitchen Program in Santa Barbara. Community Kitchen has submitted paperwork to the State of California to dissolve its 501(c)(3) status. Two of Community Kitchen's board members have joined the Casa Esperanza Board of Directors, and the remaining board members will serve as the Community Kitchen Board of Managers, which will oversee the day-to-day operation of the program.

Community Kitchen has been serving free meals three times daily to homeless Santa Barbara residents for the past 17 years. It currently operates out of the Ridley-Tree Kitchen at Casa Esperanza. Meals are prepared by paid staff and volunteers serve the food, assist with food pick-up, and clean up after meals. The City of Santa Barbara has supported this program through its Human Services funds since Fiscal Year 1996. The City portion is approximately 12% of the program's total operating budget.

The Community Development and Human Services Committee made a recommendation at their February 24, 2009 meeting that City Council authorize the assignment of Community Kitchen's Human Services Contract No. 22,729 and the remaining \$26,000 to Casa Esperanza. The contract is for the operation of the Homeless Shelter Meal Program through June 30, 2009.

Domestic Violence Solutions

Due to state funding cuts, as well as non-payment of program fees by program participants, Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS) closed their Domestic Violence Intervention Program as of January 30, 2009. The board of DVS decided to eliminate the Intervention Program and focus their remaining resources on other DVS programs.

Zona Seca agreed to take DVS clients into their Family Violence Program at the request of the County Probation Department. Zona Seca has been a provider of batterer intervention services for the County for many years. The program provides a 52-week counseling and education program for court-mandated adults who have committed acts of violence against a domestic partner. The City of Santa Barbara has supported the Intervention Program through its Human Services funds since Fiscal Year 2000.

The Community Development and Human Services Committee made a recommendation at their February 24, 2009 meeting that City Council authorize the assignment of Domestic Violence Solutions Human Services Contract #22,733 and the remaining \$4,750 to Zona Seca. The contract is for the operation of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program through June 30, 2009.

Both contracts allow for assignment with prior written consent of the City.

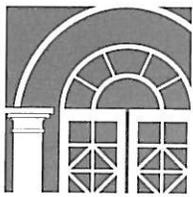
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Casa Esperanza and Community Kitchen
2. Letter from Domestic Violence Solutions
3. Letter from Zona Seca
4. Letter from Santa Barbara County Probation Department

PREPARED BY: Sue Gray, Community Development Program Supervisor II

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Casey, Community Development Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



Casa Esperanza
Homeless Center

Under One Roof

January 30, 2009

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Sue Gray
City of Santa Barbara Community Development Department
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Executive Director

Dear Sue & Members of the Commission:

Thank you for speaking with us regarding Casa Esperanza's assumption of responsibility for the programming of the Community Kitchen of Santa Barbara. By joining forces, we believe that the mission of the Community Kitchen and Casa Esperanza are mutually strengthened and that the entire community will benefit from increased strength and efficiency as we work to find solutions to poverty and homelessness in Santa Barbara.

Together we request that you transfer the existing Community Kitchen grant to Casa Esperanza as soon as possible. Paperwork has been submitted to the State of California to dissolve the Community Kitchen 501c3 and the merging of operations has begun.

The work of the Community Kitchen is unique in that we are the only agency that travels throughout the community collecting food, preparing and serving that food to the homeless and hungry in Santa Barbara at no charge to the recipient. For the last nine years the Community Kitchen's base of operation has been housed in the Ridley-Tree Kitchen in the Casa Esperanza building. Two Community Kitchen Board Members have agreed to join the Casa Esperanza Board of Directors and the remaining Board members will continue to serve on the Community Kitchen Board of Managers (Operational Board). A Community Kitchen Program Director, Susan Krisher, has been hired is now working.

The mission and programming for Community Kitchen is unchanged.

We are incredibly grateful for our partnership with the City of Santa Barbara, and look forward to continuing this vital effort together.

Sincerely,

Michael Foley
Executive Director
Casa Esperanza

Cheryl Young
Board Chair
Community Kitchen

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT



Domestic Violence Solutions
for santa barbara county

March 18, 2009

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Community Development Department
Housing & Redevelopment Division
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Attn. Liz Stotts or Sue Gray

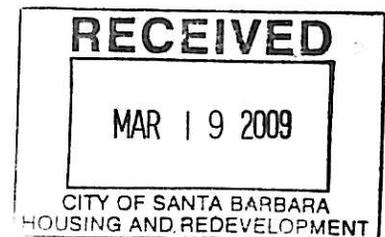
Dear Sue Gray:

We officially closed down our Intimate Partner Abuse Program in Santa Barbara on Jan. 31st, 2009. At that time we transferred all our remaining clients to Zona Seca in Santa Barbara. Because of this we would have no problem with you providing the remaining grant monies to Zona Seca for their continued work with this population.

Sincerely,



Beverly Engel
Executive Director
Domestic Violence Solutions



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February 19, 2009

Sue Gray
Community Development Programs Supervisor
City of Santa Barbara
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Domestic Violence Solutions Contract No: 22,733-Fiscal Year
2008/2009

Dear Sue,

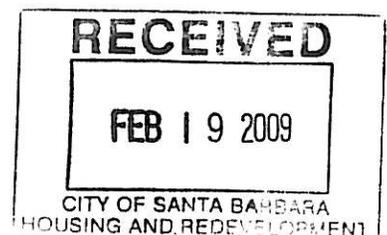
I would like to request transfer of the remaining balance on 2008/2009 CDBG/Human Services funds for Domestic Violence Solutions Contract No: 22,733 to Zona Seca for our Family Violence Program. We were asked to take over the Domestic Violence Intervention Program from Domestic Violence Solutions, and did so in December, 2008.

We would appreciate your consideration for this request. If you have any questions, please call me at 963-8961.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Banales
Executive Director



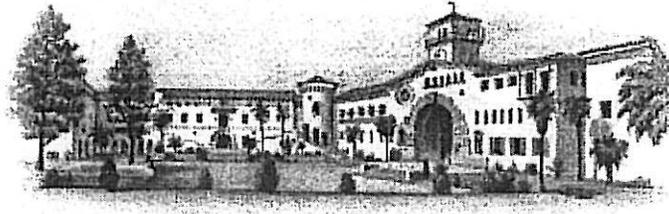
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February 2, 2009

Liz Stotts
Community Development Programs Specialist
City of Santa Barbara
Community Development Department
Housing and Redevelopment Division
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Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

Dear Ms. Stotts,

Subject: Zona Seca Batterer's Intervention Program Services

This is to inform you of a transition in the delivery of Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) services in the City of Santa Barbara. BIP is a legally mandated 52-week program designed for individuals convicted of a domestic violence offense. The Probation Department is tasked with certifying all BIPs utilized by the Court in Santa Barbara County.

On December 4, 2008, the Probation Department was formally notified by Domestic Violence Services (DVS) of the organization's intent to terminate the delivery of BIP services in Santa Barbara County. Upon receipt of this news, Zona Seca was contacted and they agreed to the immediate acceptance of all DVS clients who were being displaced, as well as all new clients who were awaiting assignment to DVS. On January 30, 2009, DVS officially ceased the delivery of BIP services. All clients requiring BIP services in the City of Santa Barbara have been successfully transferred to Zona Seca. The Santa Barbara County Probation Department is additionally working with Zona Seca to expand their BIP services to Lompoc.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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